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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE COMMUNICATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL FOR NAMIBIA

REF: (A) USUN 2167, (B) USUN 2133, (C) PRETORIA 3312

1. I HAVE GONE OVER PROPOSED TEXT OF COMMUNICATION TO
SAG CONTAINED REFTEL (A). I AM CONCERNED ABOUT STATEMENT
"IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY RELIED UPON THE STATEMENT BY
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT HE WOULD NOT BE TAKING ANY
ACTION DURING JULY AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT
THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL DURING AUGUST, AND INDEED WE CONVEYED
THIS INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES." IN CHECKING OVER MY NOTES ON JUNE 9 SESSION WITH
VORSTER, I FIND CONSIDERABLE AMBIGUITY ON THE TIMING OF THE
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. IN THAT 11 A.M.
SESSION, VORSTER REFERRED TO SUBJECT ON THREE SEPARATE
OCCASIONS. INITIALLY, AS PART OF HIS STAMPEDE TACTICS, HE
SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL RIGHT
AWAY SO THAT HE COULD START IMMEDIATELY TO SET THINGS IN
MOTION FOR ELECTIONS. AT THIS POINT, SCOTT, EICK, AND MCHENRY
CAUTIONED THE NEED FOR DELIBERATE SPEED AND THE NEED FOR

CONSULTATION WITH THE UN SYG. THE PRIME MINISTER, ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT FOR A SECOND TIME, SAID THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN JULY BECAUSE HE WAS PLANNING A VACATION AND THAT HE WAS THINKING OF APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL BY EARLY AUGUST. AFTER A SECOND ROUND OF WARNINGS ON THE NEED FOR TIME FOR HONEST BROKERAGE, VORSTER SAID, ACCORDING TO MY NOTES, THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL IN PLACE BY AUGUST 1 AND THAT HE HOPED THAT THE UN SYG COULD HAVE HIS MAN IN NAMIBIA BY THE END OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING RECORD AND OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE OF GETTING THE SAG TO HOLD OFF ON ANY FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT SPELLING OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL UNTIL THESE CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CONTACT GROUP, I QUESTION INCLUDING IN THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE THAT HE MAY CHALLENGE AS INACCURATE. WHERE THE SAG HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE CAPE TOWN TALKS IS IN FAILING TO CONSULT US ON THEIR INTENTIONS PRIOR TO ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. I WOULD RECOMMEND THESE CHANGES IN TEXT TO UNDERScore THIS POINT:

A. IN SECOND SENTENCE INSERT "TIMING OF THE" AFTER "IN THEIR VIEW THE" AND BEFORE "ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS
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APPOINTMENT." THE ANNOUNCEMENT PER SE IS NOT INCONCSISTENT, BUT THE TIMING WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION IS.

B. THE THIRD SENTENCE BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THEY ANTICIPATED, ON THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IN CAPE TOWN, DURING WHICH THE CONTACT GROUP EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE TIME IN WHICH TO EXERCISE HONEST BROKERAGE, THAT THE SAG WOULD CONSULT IN ADVANCE WITH THE CONTACT GROUP ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT."

C. ADJUST THE FOURTH SENTENCE TO READ: "THEY ALSO CONSIDERED MORE TIME TO BE NECESSARY..."

3. REQUEST THAT THIS SUGGESTED CHANGE IN COMMUNICATION BE DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK AMONG THE FIVE AND IF ACCEPTABLE THAT AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE THE CHANGE BE CONVEYED TO THE FIVE AMBASSADORS HERE BY TELEPHONE.
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